

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## HONORING THE MEMORY OF RABBI GORDON

### HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2016*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend and leader in the Jewish community, Rabbi Joshua B. Gordon, who passed away on February 8, 2016.

Rabbi Gordon and his wife Deborah came to the San Fernando Valley in 1973 as emissaries of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, leader of the worldwide Chabad movement of Judaism. In his more than 40 years of leadership, Rabbi Gordon oversaw the growth of Chabad of the Valley to 26 centers that provide religious education, spiritual inspiration and charitable services to thousands. In fact, Rabbi Gordon's reach was worldwide through his popular audio and video Torah classes that continue to educate people online.

I had the privilege of learning directly from Rabbi Gordon as a congregant of his spiritual home, Chabad of Encino, where I would often attend High Holiday services. The highlight of each Rosh Hashanah was to listen to Rabbi Gordon's stories and parables.

I extend my sincerest condolences to Rabbi Gordon's wife, Rebbetzin Deborah Gordon, and children, Rabbi Yossi Gordon, Yochanon Gordon, Faygie Herzog, Rabbi Eli Gordon, Dena Rabin and Chaya Mushka Drizin; as well as his siblings and 21 grandchildren. A man with 21 grandchildren is truly blessed.

It is Rabbi Gordon's enduring legacy that future generations of Valley residents will learn, grow and come together as a community.

## RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST INDIANA'S NEWLY NATURALIZED CITIZENS

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2016*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who took their oath of citizenship on Friday, March 11, 2016. This memorable occasion, which was presided over by Magistrate Judge Paul R. Cherry, was held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals

realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On March 11, 2016, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, took their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Juliane Makhoul Mikhael, Monika Cadikovska, Chaudhry Abdul Sattar, Ali Yigit, Nicolae Tarfulea, Nicoleta Eugenia Tarfulea, Chandrashekar Reddy Cholleti, Juan Juarez Hernandez, Young Suk Lee, Sylvia Cathy Gould, Stanko Cude, Logain Alsatti, Lars Olof Wahlen, Rigoberto Acosta Ramirez, Danilo Legaspi Bautista, Solange Jones, Angela Elizabeth Snider, Jorge Carranza Martinez, Lilibeth Catudan Natividad, Glenda Ragob Bakalar, Gilberto Antonio Benavides Alvarez, Chuto Victoria Emeka-Daniels, Heriberto Garcia, Jasmina Golabovska, Francisco Cordova Hernandez, Pamela Mendoza Lawrence, Nora Cylla Menad, Miguel Meza, Sandra Miramontes Mungula, and Parfait Karim Ukobizaba.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country "... of the people, by the people, and for the people." They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who became citizens of the United States of America on March 11, 2016. They, too, are American citizens, and they, too, are guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

## HONORING YONKERS POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION 100TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2016*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Yonkers' oldest and most distinguished institutions, the Yonkers Police Benevolent Association, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2016. Our Yonkers police do such a fantastic job of keeping us safe, and it is my pleasure to be able to honor the Yonkers PBA on their historic milestone.

The Yonkers Police Department was first established in 1871, though the group would not be incorporated for several more decades.

On September 8, 1916 A.S. Tompkins, Justice of the Westchester County Supreme Court, approved and signed the certificate of incorporation for the Yonkers Police Association. The first president of the Police Association who was elected in 1916 was "Patrolman" John F. Dahill. Upon his election, he was dubbed the "Father of the Police Association" and served in that capacity for several years.

Today the former Yonkers Police Association (YPA), later renamed the Yonkers "Police Benevolent Association" (PBA), continues to serve as an advocate and effective voice for its entire membership. And while working to foster a spirit of camaraderie amongst its members, it also works toward developing a greater understanding, mutual respect, and a helpful relationship with the citizens its members serve so proudly.

I want to congratulate all the members of the Yonkers PBA on 100 years of service to the community, and thank them for all they do to keep us safe and secure in Yonkers.

## IN TRIBUTE OF HANNES SCHNEIDER, AND THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HANNES SCHNEIDER MEISTER CUP RACE

### HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2016*

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th anniversary of the Hannes Schneider Meister Cup Race which honors the Austrian skimeister Hannes Schneider. Schneider was a vital figure in creating the modern skiing technique, ski instruction and mountain resort industry that we know today. Additionally, he was featured in several ski films and published a book, *The Wonders of Skiing*, in 1931.

In 1938 Schneider was imprisoned by Austrian Nazis due to his rejection of their dogma, despite protests from the international skiing community. Thankfully, nine months later Schneider's freedom was obtained by international financier, North Conway native and Mount Cranmore founder Harvey Dow Gibson. On February 11th, 1939, Schneider and his family arrived in North Conway to begin their new lives in New Hampshire.

Schneider immediately gave back to the country that welcomed him. During World War II, he served as a trainer for the 10th Mountain Division. He taught the soldiers skiing, a skill that served them well during mountain warfare. His son joined this unit, and served honorably during the war. The soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division would go on to be some of the essential figures in the development of US skiing after the war.

Once victory was won, Schneider used the instruction skills he honed during the war at his soon to be world famous Hannes Schneider Ski School on Mount Cranmore. Schneider created the Arlberg skiing instruction technique. This widely used method teaches students to start out skiing in a wedge or pizza

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shape, while making a series of turns to control their speed. As students improve, they ski downhill with their skis parallel. Countless skiers, including my sons, have experienced the joy of alpine skiing because of Hannes' innovative method of instruction.

Hannes dedicated his life to skiing. He continued to instruct thousands of pupils until his death in 1955. The Hannes Schneider Meister Cup Race, which on March 12, 2016 is celebrating its 20th anniversary, is staged by the New England Ski Museum to honor the legacy of Hannes Schneider and the veterans of the 10th Mountain Division. I am proud to participate in this year's event, and to honor the great achievements of Hannes Schneider.

#### RECOGNIZING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

#### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2016*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise to celebrate National Women's History Month and its 2016 theme, "Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government." As we reflect on the struggles, sacrifices, and successes of women throughout our nation's history, this year's theme honors the many women who have helped shape America through governmental roles and civil service. During this month and always, we honor the monumental efforts of American women who fought and continue to fight for gender equality. Women have succeeded in all areas of society, from medicine and science to government and public service, and their contributions have paved the way for a better America.

The pioneers of the women's movement fought for the right to vote for decades. Through their determination, courage, and strong will, the suffragettes proudly witnessed the passage of the nineteenth amendment in 1920. The tireless efforts of these brave women brought more opportunity and democratic change. The women's liberation movement of the 1960's and 1970's helped ensure that women had more say in government while leading the charge against workplace inequality. This helped create better jobs for women and promoted fair pay through anti-discrimination laws. Our nation's success is dependent upon the knowledge, skills, and expertise of women in public service. These strong leaders fight every day for more opportunity and equal rights, and they continue to have a profound impact on our nation.

I would also like to take the time to acknowledge the many women who have served, and continue to serve, the people of the First Congressional District at the local, state, and federal levels. As a lifelong resident of Northwest Indiana, born and raised in the city of Gary, I would be remiss if I did not pay special tribute to one of Northwest Indiana's finest citizens and my dear friend, the Honorable Earline Rogers, State Senator for the 3rd District of Indiana. Senator Rogers will be retiring from office at the end of the year after a remarkable thirty-four years in the state legislature. A teacher by trade and a former Gary city council member, Senator Rogers has devoted her-

self to her fellow citizens and her constituency throughout her lifetime, and she is the epitome of what it means to be a public servant.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating National Women's History Month. We are indebted to the many female leaders in public service who work diligently to improve the quality of life for every American, and they are worthy of the highest praise.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. LUCILE M. (LUCY) JONES

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2016*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Lucile M. (Lucy) Jones, a pre-eminent leader in the field of seismology, who is retiring from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

Dr. Jones received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Chinese Language and Literature, with a minor in Physics, graduating Magna Cum Laude from Brown University, and her Doctor of Philosophy in Geophysics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr. Jones has worked for the US Geological Service for the past thirty-three years. During her time at the USGS, she has served in various capacities, most recently as Science Advisor for Risk Reduction, Natural Hazards Mission. In this position she leads long-term science planning for natural hazards research, and directs the Science Application for Risk Reduction (SAFRR) Project, which uses USGS science to help communities at risk for natural disasters. Lucy is also a Visiting Research Associate at the prestigious California Institute of Technology Seismological Laboratory, a position she has held since 1983. Prior to serving as Science Advisor for Risk Reduction, Dr. Jones created, led and was Chief Scientist for the Multi Hazards Demonstration Project (MHDP), whose landmark programs included the Great ShakeOut, an emergency public preparedness program which has been adopted throughout the state of California, and the Southern California Debris Flow Warning System, in partnership with the National Weather Service. Lucy was also a scientist on the USGS Earthquake Hazards Team for many years, including serving as Scientist-in-Charge for Southern California from 1998 to 2006.

In addition to her work with the USGS, Dr. Jones is a member of the California Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council, which advises the Governor of California. She served as seismic safety advisor to Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, raising awareness about the city's need for greater earthquake preparedness. Lucy also served as Commissioner on the California Seismic Safety Commission. Author of multiple scientific papers on seismic research with a primary focus on earthquake hazard assessment and foreshocks, Dr. Jones has often testified before the United States Congress on various public safety seismic matters. Lucy has been the recipient of many awards, including Woman of the Year from the California Science Center, the Shoemaker Award for Lifetime Achievement in Science Communica-

tion from the USGS, U.S. Senator BARBARA BOXER's Women Making History Award, the Alquist Award from the Earthquake Safety Foundation and the Meritorious Service Award from the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Dr. Jones lives in Pasadena, with her husband Dr. Egill Hauksson, who is a fellow seismologist and a Professor at Caltech, and they have two children, Sven and Niels.

Dr. Lucile M. (Lucy) Jones will leave a scientific legacy that will be appreciated for generations to come. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring her for over three decades of exemplary public service.

#### HONORING THE CAROL MOORE MEMORIAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

#### HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding tradition of the Carol Moore Memorial Jazz Festival at Mineral Area College in Park Hills, Missouri. This year commemorates the 30th jazz festival, begun in 1987. Music instructor Carol Moore championed the festival in its early years and helped it grow to its current prominence. Ms. Moore died of cancer in 2008 and the festival was renamed in her honor in 2010. In the years since her death, the jazz festival has been chaired by MAC faculty members Dr. Kevin White, Dan Schunks, and Michael Goldsmith.

The festival features a day of jazz performances by hundreds of students from dozens of schools. This year 42 bands will perform from districts as far away as Arkansas and Kentucky. This festival not only promotes jazz music and inspires current jazz students, it also serves as an effective means to introduce the community and potential students to the college.

In addition, the festival brings world class jazz artists to the area to perform in concert with the community's Kicks Band. These artists have included saxophonist "Blue Lou" Marini of Blues Brothers fame, Delfeayo Marsalis of the famed Marsalis musical dynasty, trumpet player Jon Faddis, a protégé of jazz legend Dizzy Gillespie, and trumpet master Doc Severinsen, who performs at the 30th festival.

For its impressive tradition and significant artistic contributions to the community, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Carol Moore Memorial Jazz Festival on its 30th celebration and to recognize all those involved before the United States House of Representatives.

#### HELENDALÉ LOSES COMMUNITY LEADER

#### HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2016*

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in the memory of Michael Phillip Gouin, who tragically passed away on February 16, 2016. Michael's life was taken by a drunk driver who struck his motorcycle in Oro Grande, California.